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Memorandum

DATE: August 19, 2015
TO: County Training Committee Chairpersons
FROM: Richard W. Miller, State Fire Marshal/Director
Bureau of Fire Services
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2016 County Funding

County Training Allocations

The Fire Fighter Training Division (FFTD) county funding budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 (October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016) is approved for \$1,000,000 per Public Act (PA) 84 of 2015. Please find attached the FY 2016 county training allocations. The designated amounts were determined using the modified formula described in PA 291 of 1966 and PA 84 of 2015.

County Training Committee (CTC) Chairpersons are *required* to survey the training needs of organized fire departments in their county. Distribution of the money should give priority to basic Fire Fighter I & II courses as specified in the Act. Funds are automatically approved to be used for approved training courses listed on the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) website. We recommend allocations be used for training recommended by the Fire Fighter Training Council (FFTC) and approved by the State Fire Marshal. Any training requests outside of the Bureau training courses will be required to submit a Non IMS County Training Fund Application (Form BFS-201) to the State Fire Marshal.

All county funds must be approved by BFS, through the System Maintenance of Knowledge and Education (SMOKE) system by the CTC. County training allocations **must** be encumbered (committed for a specific course) by January 1, 2016. All courses must be completed and submit an invoice by September 30, 2016. Any funds unencumbered by January 1, 2016 will be transferred back to the training fund for a second reallocation to all counties.

Counties will be allowed to combine their FY 2016 allocations with neighboring counties in an effort to maximize efficiency for training needs. It is the responsibility of the CTC to make the necessary inquiries to neighboring counties to combine funding allocations. The counties should contact their regional coordinator to in an effort to assure that FFTD procedures are followed.

Hazardous Materials Training Funds

The hazardous materials training funds totals for FY 2016 have not been announced. We will notify the CTC's once a decision is made.

Att: FY 2016 County Funding Allocations